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To: Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke, Chair
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REPORT ON DIETARY SERVICES CONTRACTS AT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES FACILITIES

On March 25, 2008, on motion by Supervisor Molina, your Board instructed the Chief Executive Officer to report back quarterly on the status of actual and anticipated issues associated with Dietary Services in the LAC+USC Replacement Facility (Replacement Facility), vendor performance, modifications to the current agreement and its impact in the development of a new Request for Proposals (RFP). Additionally, your Board requested a report back at the June 24, 2008 Board meeting regarding consolidating the provision of Dietary Services in County hospitals into a single RFP to leverage economies of scale and pricing. This Office provided a status report on June 23, 2008, and the matter was continued to July 8, 2008. A complete report was provided by Department of Health Services (DHS) on July 3, 2008, noting the consolidating of dietary services at all DHS facilities into a single solicitation, and the anticipated release of the RFP is targeted for the end of November 2008.

This quarterly report addresses actual and/or anticipated issues associated with dietary services at the Replacement Facility.

Several deficiencies, primarily consisting of kitchen equipment that was not in proper working order were identified and the project management team and the contractor worked in a collaborative and expedient manner to address the items. As a result of such efforts, the Replacement Facility kitchen area was fully equipped and passed inspection during the October 21-23, 2008 State licensing visit.

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The dietary service operations were transferred into the Replacement Facility Friday, November 7, 2008. Morrison, the current service provider, will offer cafeteria and concession services for visitors, staff and the public on the evening of November 7, and dietary services for in-patients, physician-resident staff and employees will commence Saturday, November 8, 2008.

Following the transfer to the Replacement Facility, DHS will continue to occupy and provide limited services in the basement through the 4th floors at the current facility. To accommodate the remaining staff, as well as the School of Nursing, Morrison will provide limited grill services to employees. In addition, Morrison will continue to store a limited number of supplies at the current facility.

Our next quarterly status report to your Board is targeted for January 2009, in addition to actual and anticipated issues with dietary services in the Replacement Facility, we will also report on vendor performance and any modifications to the current agreement.

Should you have any questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Dorothea Hayes of my staff at (213) 974-6837 or at dhayes@ceo.lacounty.gov.

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